Notice No. 7533—18, *dated the* 3*rd May* 1898.

SALE OF DRUG SHOPS FOR 1898-99.

Notice is hereby given that the exclusive privilege of selling intoxicating Drugs in each of the shops specified in the Schedule hereto appended, for the twelve months beginning with 1st July 1898 and ending with 30th June 1899, will be put up to public auction at the head-quarters of taluks on the dates specified in the said Schedule, by the Amildars of the respective taluks.

2. Each bidder at the auction will deposit a sum of Rs. 50 or such other reasonable amount as may be fixed by the officer conducting the sale, previous to bidding. Each shop will be knocked down to the approved highest bidder, subject to the formal confirmation by the Deputy Commissioner, who will be at liberty to accept or reject the bid at discretion without assigning reasons for the same. Such formal confirmation will, unless revised by Government, be tantamount to an acceptance of the bid. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents.

3. As soon as the auction is completed, the deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders and not forfeited as hereinafter provided, will be returned to them. As the auction proceeds, the person whose bid is accepted for each shop shall at once deposit a sum equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ths of a month's rent for that shop. Should he fail to do so, the deposit made by him under para 2 will be forfeited, the shop will at once be put up again on the above conditions, and he will be debarred from bidding again for the same or for any other shop.

4. The persons to whom the shops have been knocked down, and who have made deposits as provided in paras 2 and 3, shall also, within seven days from the date of the auction, deposit such further sum as, with the first and second deposits, will make up an amount equal to two months' rent of each shop knocked down to them ; and shall take out licenses and execute a counterpart engagement, in the prescribed forms, on the conditions hereinafter set forth. On the failure of any person to make the deposit or to take out license or to execute the counterpart engagement, as aforesaid, the shop will be re-sold at the risk of such person, or if the auction hereby notified has already been completed, will be otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner. In the case of the purchaser's death after the confirmation of the sale, it will be binding on his heirs or assigns.

5. Re-sales effected under para 4 will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will forfeit all gain ; and in the event of a loss by re-sale, he will make good the deficiency between the total amount payable for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale. In the latter case, the forfeited deposit will be deducted from the loss arising from the re-sale and the remainder, if any, will be recovered from the bidder in the same manner as if it were an arrear of land revenue. Should, however, the forfeited deposit be greater than the loss by re-sale, the whole of such deposit will be credited to Government.

6. The license to be taken out under para 4 above shall be subject to the following conditions, namely :—

(1) The amount for which the privilege has been purchased shall be payable into the Taluk Treasury in equal monthly instalments commencing from July 1898 ; each instalment shall be regarded as the rent for the month in respect of which it is payable. Each month's rent shall be payable on or before the 20th of the same month on the chellan prescribed for the purpose. If such amount be less than rupees 12, it shall be paid up in not more than three instalments. The deposit of two months' rent made by the licensee will be taken in payment of the rents due for the last two months of the period of the license. Failing payment by the 20th of the same month, the Deputy Commissioner shall at once proceed to recover the arrears together with interest at 6 per cent under the rules in force for the collection of land revenue. No remission or abatement of the rent shall, on any account whatever, be claimable by the licensee.

(2) The licensee shall use such scales and weights as may from time to time be prescribed by Government, and provide himself with the printed forms of accounts and permits or passes for transport of Drugs, which forms shall be purchased from local Excise Officers.

(3) The licensee shall be bound to take over any Drugs which may remain as stock in hand belonging to the out-going licensee on the 1st July 1898 in the existing shop, paying to the latter such compensation for the same as may be fixed by the Deputy Commissioner.

(4) The licensee shall be bound by the rules in force, and which may be issued from time to time by Government.

(5) The remaining terms and conditions shall be as set forth in the prescribed license.

7. In the case of any breach of the above conditions either by the licensee, or with his connivance and privity, by any person in his employment, or in the event of the licensee neglecting to open his shop or to carry on his business with due care and attention, it shall be competent to the Deputy Commissioner to impose upon the licensee a fine not exceeding Rs. 10 for every such breach or neglect, or at the option of the Deputy Commissioner to declare the money deposited with him forfeited, and to cancel the license and to re-sell or to otherwise dispose of the privilege at the risk of the licensee ; and all loss thereby caused, together with the loss accruing to Government in consequence of the licensee not carrying on his business by opening his shop on 1st July 1898, shall be made good by him. When a license is cancelled, the rent for the whole period of the license shall become due at once, which shall be recovered together with all losses as if they were arrears of land revenue.

8. The penalties laid down in the last preceding clause shall not exempt the licensee or his employés from prosecution for any offence committed against the Excise laws or rules in force.

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